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May 7, 2020

This week, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-21. Executive Order GA-21 is effective immediately and will continue through May 19, 2020.

Some highlights to note about GA-21:

- Texans, except where necessary to provide or obtain an essential service or a reopened service, should continue to **minimize social gatherings** and **in person** contact with those who are **not in the same household**.
- People **over the age of 65 are encouraged to stay at home** as much as possible. Individuals are encouraged to avoid contact with those 65 and older.
- Those who do leave the home, whether young or old, should **implement social distancing and good hygiene**
- Essential Services include **those listed under CISA guidance** as well as churches, congregations, and places of worship
- Reopened Services consist of the following:
 - **In-store retail** at 25% occupancy (25% does not include employees)
 - **Dine-in** at restaurants at 25% occupancy (no occupancy limit on outside seating; 25% does not include employees)
 - **Movie theaters** at 25% occupancy (25% does not include employees)
 - **Shopping malls** at 25% occupancy (food court, play areas, and interactive displays must remain closed) (25% does not include employees)
 - **Museums and libraries** at occupancy of 25% (25% does not include employees)
 - **Golf course** operations
 - **Local government** operations
 - Services provided by **one individual in an office setting** (note this will be expanded on Monday, May 18th)
 - **Wedding venues** and services required to conduct weddings, subject to either the guidelines on churches (if held in a church) or at 25% of indoor occupancy (if held indoors at a non-church). Note, it is strongly encouraged to hold weddings outside
 - **Wedding receptions**, subject to the guidelines on restaurants (if held at a restaurant) or subject to 25% of indoor capacity (if held indoors). Again, strongly encouraged to hold outside.

Starting on Friday, May 8, 2020 the following will be opened:


- Cosmetology salons, **hair** salons, **barber** shops, and **nail** salons may open but should follow guidelines set forth in Open Texas
- **Tanning** Salons may open but should follow guidelines set forth in Open Texas
- **Swimming pools** may operate if outdoor or indoor but must follow occupancy levels set forth

Starting on Monday, May 18, 2020 the following will be opened:

- **Services provided in an office** may operate with the greater of five individuals or 25% of the total office workforce
- Non-essential **manufacturing** [services] at 25% occupancy
- **Gyms and exercise facilities** and classes, whether indoor, outdoor, individual, or group, at a 25% occupancy

Please note these specific businesses are **NOT permitted to reopen**: People **shall avoid** visiting **bars, massage** establishments, **tattoo** studios, **piercing** studios, **sexually oriented** businesses, or interactive amusement venues such as **bowling alleys, video arcades, amusement parks, water parks, or splash pads**, unless they are specifically added as a reopened service by proclamation or future executive order of the governor.

Sincerely,

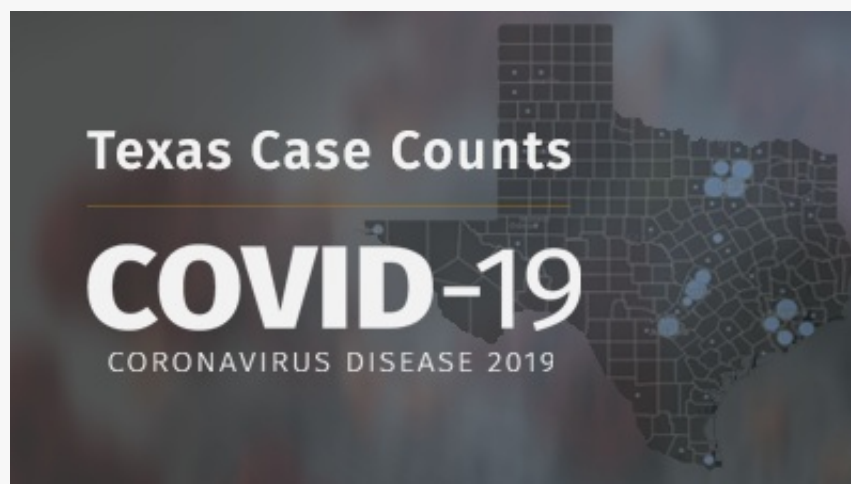



Capitol Office Closure Notice

Our District office has reopened at minimum staffing levels, while the Capitol office will remain closed in line with Governor Abbot's executive orders. Our offices will remain functioning, with staff working remotely. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Health Resources

DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard



Click the image above to be directed to the DSHS COVID-19 Dashboard

Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Harris County
Public Health
Building a Healthy Community

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Gov. Abbott Expands Business Openings In Texas, Announces Surge Response Teams To Combat COVID-19



Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott

Governor Abbott Expands Business Openings In Texas,...

Governor Greg Abbott today held a press conference where announced that he will be issuing an Executive Order to expand openings of certain businesses and activities. The Governor also announced new guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA)...

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Open Texas Checklists - Effective May 8, 2020

- [Barber Shops](#)
- [Barber Shop Customers](#)
- [Cosmetology / Hair Salons](#)
- [Cosmetology / Hair Salon Customers](#)
- [Nail Salons / Shops](#)
- [Nail Salon Customers](#)
- [Tanning Salons](#)
- [Tanning Salon Customers](#)

Open Texas Checklists - Effective May 18, 2020

- [Gyms / Exercise Facilities](#)
- [Gym / Exercise Facility Patrons](#)
- [Manufacturers](#)
- [Office-Based Employers](#)
- [Office-Based Employees](#)

TEA Announces Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony Guidance for Texas Schools



TEA Announces Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony Guidance

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AUSTIN, Texas - May 5, 2020 - Texas continues the reopening of services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While school buildings remain closed to normal in-classroom instruction for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year, schools across...

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tea.texas.gov

Texas State Parks to Allow Limited Overnight Camping Starting May 18



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AUSTIN- As part of a broader effort to reopen Texas, Texas State Parks will resume limited overnight camping beginning May 18. This gradual reopening of overnight reservations will be limited at all Texas State Parks to varying degrees depending...

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tpwd.texas.gov

TxDMV: Tips for Texans

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Greg Abbott has temporarily waived requirements for some Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) services. Many Texans have reached out to TxDMV for clarification on which requirements have been waived and for how long.



Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

COVID-19 FAQs

Tips for Texans

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What requirements have been waived? The governor has granted a temporary extension to obtain the following:

- Initial vehicle registration
- Vehicle registration renewal
- Vehicle title (including late title transfer fees)
- Renewal of permanent disabled parking placard
- Extension for an expired 30-day temporary permit

How long do these waivers last? These waivers are in effect until 60 days after TxDMV notifies the public that normal vehicle registration, titling, and related services have resumed.

What about specialty license plates? Expired specialty and personalized specialty license plates will be available for renewal for 60 days following the waiver period.

Has law enforcement been notified of these waivers? Yes, TxDMV has notified law enforcement agencies and county tax assessor-collector offices of these waivers.

Are TxDMV offices open? All TxDMV offices are closed to the public. Many county tax assessor-collector offices are also closed or operating with modified hours and services. Visit www.TxDmv.gov/covid-19 for additional information on office closures.

Are online and mail services still available? Yes, you can still renew your registration and process other services online at www.TxDmv.gov and via US Mail. **Proof of inspection is still required to renew registration.**

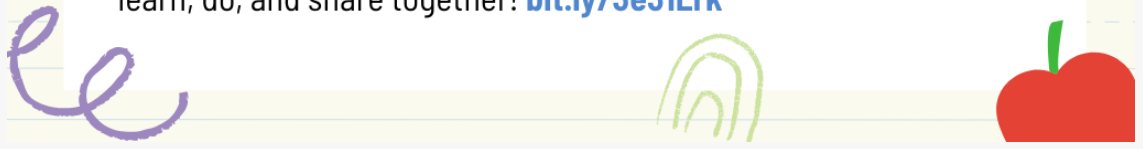
Where can I get the latest information? Visit www.TxDmv.gov/covid-19 to get additional information and to receive the latest updates on TxDMV's response to COVID-19. You can also contact TxDMV toll-free at 1-888-368-4689.

More Resources for At-Home Schooling



Resources for Texas Parents

learn as a family



Enjoy some time as a family and engage your students with a number of family-led educational experiences for ages 3 to 12. This collection of free activities from Microsoft encourages families to learn, do, and share together! bit.ly/3e31Lrk

Updates From the District

Rethink. Reopen. Rebound.

Everyone loves a good **COMEBACK** story



rethink



reopen



rebound

The Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce is here to help support your efforts to safely reopen your business and help our area's economy recover.

Below is a series of questions to help you RETHINK how to REOPEN in order to safely & successfully REBOUND.

With [Governor Abbott's Report to Open Texas](#), examine the elements of Operations, Manpower & Customers as you plan your path to reopen.

CREATE YOUR ULTIMATE COMEBACK STORY

OPERATIONS:

- Is it profitable to re-open at 25% or 50%?
- Are your external suppliers able to deliver?
- Will you have signage explaining required operating conditions for both employees and customers?
- Which hours of operation fit? From prep time to actual hours open, what makes sense for your business and will that meet customer needs?
- Do you have a plan to regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, restrooms, counters, etc.?
- Are you prepared to disinfect items customers and employees frequently contact?
- Can you make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectants readily available for your customers and employees?
- Do you have signage promoting best hygiene practices?
- Do you have floor markers to indicate six feet spacing?
- Do you have policies in place to protect your employees and customers?
- Have you performed a comprehensive inventory?
- Will you be adjusting prices?

MANPOWER:

- How many employees do you need to open? At which intervals will you need them?
- Are you prepared to train all employees on appropriate cleaning, disinfection, hand hygiene & respiratory etiquette? Will any additional training be necessary?
- Do you have a graduated plan to bring back staff as business increases and as government orders allow?
- Are you prepared to screen employees before entering the business each day?
- Do you have enough space for employees to be six feet apart while working?
- Will you require employees to wear face mask coverings and/or gloves? Will you provide these or will the employees need to provide them?

CUSTOMERS:

- Have your customers' buying habits changed?
- How will you communicate hours of operations?
- Will you request/require customers wear face coverings and/or use hand sanitizer upon entering your business?
- Will you limit or modify any previously normal customer/employee interaction?



Houston Health Department Expands, Relocates COVID-19 Testing Sites



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The Houston Health Department continues targeting free COVID-19 testing to vulnerable communities. This week, the health department and partner organizations expand and relocate...

IH-69 Upcoming Traffic Impacts

Over the next several days, there are a number of scheduled traffic impacts that will take place within Segment H of the Grand Parkway. Detailed information is located below, but we invite to [view all traffic impacts](#) associated with construction of the Grand Parkway.

Interstate Highway 69 Main Lane & Frontage Road Impacts

The concrete bridge beams have been set over IH-69. Crews will now begin to focus on overhangs and deck panels. Below is an upcoming schedule of lane closures for the area.

- **Thursday, May 7** (8:00PM - 5:00AM) - IH-69 northbound frontage road approaching Community Drive will be reduced by 2 lanes.
- **Friday, May 8** (8:00PM - 5:00AM) - IH-69 northbound main lanes near SH-99 will be reduced by 2 lanes.
- **Saturday, May 9** (8:00PM - 5:00AM) - IH-69 northbound main lanes near SH-99 will be reduced by 2 lanes
- **Wednesday, May 13** (8:00PM - 5:00AM) - IH-69 southbound main lanes near SH-99 will be reduced by 2 lanes.
- **Thursday, May 14** (8:00PM - 5:00AM) - IH-69 southbound main lanes near SH-99 will be reduced by 2 lanes.
- **Friday, May 15** (8:00PM - 5:00AM) - IH-69 southbound frontage road between SH-99 eastbound and westbound frontage roads will be closed.



Friday, May 15
8:00PM - 5:00AM

IH-69 southbound frontage road closed between SH-99 frontage roads.



Encourage Your Friends and Colleagues to Apply for Governor Appointments



Since he was first sworn-in as Texas' 48th chief executive officer, Governor Abbott has made more than 2,300 appointments. The Appointments Office is constantly seeking applications from capable and qualified Texans who have a love of public service and a willingness to contribute their time and talent to help make the future of Texas brighter.

[Please follow this link to find the application \(available in PDF and Microsoft Word formats\), information on what to include, and instruction on how to submit an application.](#)

Even as the Appointments Office staff work remotely, we are here to help you. And we can use your help – we still need applications from Texans who are willing to answer Governor Abbott's call to service, and who will help Governor Abbott achieve his vision for Texas' future.

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) offers a conditional scholarship to a deserving student dedicated to education and military service. Created in 2009 by the 81st Legislature, the TASSP was designed to financially assist post-secondary students by encouraging them to become members of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Merchant Marine, or to become commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States. Each year the Texas Governor and Lieutenant Governor appoint up to two students, and each Texas State Senator and State Representative may appoint one student.



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House District 127

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program Guidelines

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To be eligible, the student must fulfill two of the following four requirements:

1. On track to graduate or has graduated high school with the Distinguished Level of Achievement Plan or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB);
2. Has a current high school GPA of 3.0 or higher or graduated with a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
3. Is currently ranked in the top third of their prospective high school graduating class or graduated in the top third of their graduating class;
4. Has achieved a college readiness score on the SAT (1070) or ACT (23).

To receive the scholarship, a student must:

1. Be enrolled in a Texas public or private accredited institution of higher education;
2. Enroll in and be a member of good standing of a Reserves Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program while enrolled in the institution, as certified by the institution.
3. Enter into a written agreement with the Coordinating Board agreeing to:
 - a. Complete four years of ROTC training
 - b. Graduate no later than six years after the date the student first enrolls at an institution of higher education;
 - c. No later than six months after graduation, provide the Coordinating Board with the verification of:
 - i. A four-year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine; or

Visit the [Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#) website for more information.

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